

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## **OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

No. 15-575V

Filed: December 28, 2015

CAMERON MOORE and LAURA MOORE  
on behalf of minor child, L.M.,

Petitioners,

## Special Master Gowen

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## Joint Stipulation on Attorneys' Fees and Costs.

**SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,**

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## Respondent.

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Jaime T. Halscott, Halscott Megaro, PA, Orlando, FL, for petitioner.

Justine Walters, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

## **DECISION ON ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

On June 8, 2015, Cameron Moore and Laura Moore (“petitioners”) filed a petition on behalf of their minor child, L.M., pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2012). Petitioners alleged that as a result receiving a trivalent influenza vaccination on March 1, 2013, L.M. suffered from periodic fevers with aphthous stomatitis, pharyngitis, and adenitis. Petition at Preamble. On August 20, 2015, petitioners filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of this matter. On August 25, 2015, the undersigned issued an order

<sup>1</sup> Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned's action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this ruling on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012)). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b).

<sup>2</sup> The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2012) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

concluding the proceedings.

On December 28, 2015, the parties filed a stipulation concerning attorneys' fees and costs. Petitioners requests a total award of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$5,735.00. Stip. for Fees and Costs ¶ 3. Respondent does not object. Id. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioners represent that they incurred reimbursable costs in pursuit of this claim in the amount of \$400.00. Id. at ¶ 4.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-15(e). Based on the reasonableness of the parties' stipulation, the undersigned **GRANTS** the request for approval and payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly, an award should be made as follows:

- (1) in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioners and to petitioners attorney, Jaime T. Halscott, of Halscott Megaro, PA, in the amount of \$5,735.00; and
- (2) in the form of a check payable to petitioners only in the amount of \$400.00.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance herewith.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Thomas L. Gowen  
Thomas L. Gowen  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.